

but also provides an up-to-date review for all clinicians. It covers a broad range of renal medicine, including physiology, fluid and electrolyte balance, clinical nephrology, hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and transplantation, and the interpretation of renal histopathology.

Nitric Oxide and the Kidney, edited by Goligorsky MS, Gross SS, New York, Chapman & Hall, 1997. ISBN 0-412-08061-3. Topics covered in this book include: the general biochemistry of NOSs and cellular actions of NO; the renal expression of NOSs and production of NO; NO and the regulation of renal hemodynamics; and the role of NO system in renal pathophysiology.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the establishment of an International Fellowship Training Program to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

- (1) Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.
- (2) Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.
- (3) The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.
- (4) The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.
- (5) Fellows will receive a stipend from the Society such that, taking into account the home country and/or the host institution support that they may have, they achieve a \$22,500 US revenue.
- (6) Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.
- (7) Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.
- (8) Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.
- (9) Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but, in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.

- (10) Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Scholarships in the History of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology Commission on the History of Nephrology is soliciting applications for four scholarships (\$500 US) to support research on the history of Nephrology by students, junior physicians or junior scientists. Applications, including a *Curriculum Vitae* and a one-page description of the project, should be sent to: Professor L.G. Fine, Chairman, ISN Commission on the History of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University College London Medical School, 5 University Street, London, WC1E 6JJ, UK. Telephone: 0171 209 6186; Fax: 0171 209 6211; E-mail: l.fine@ucl.ac.uk

Biomedical Pilot Projects Initiative (Culpeper Foundation)

The Charles E. Culpeper Foundation is launching a new grant program, the Biomedical Pilot Projects Initiative, designed to encourage investigation of new ideas in certain health-related fields. The new Initiative will provide awards of up to \$25,000 for a one-year program of studies, particularly in the areas of molecular genetics, bioengineering, molecular pharmacology, and health services. For further information, contact the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation, Financial Centre, 695 East Main Street, Suite 404, Stamford, CT 06901, USA. Telephone: (203) 975-1240; Fax: (203) 975-1847; Website: www.culpeper.org.

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